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Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to mostly moderate. In the parts complex, wings, breast items and tenders were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available with drums and thighs in the longest position. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 22-Nov-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26–6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	42,144	75,627	20,566	18,623	156,960
WTAvg Live Wgt	3.79	5.38	6.86	8.46	5.52
Percentage of total	27%	48%	13%	12%	100 %

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	7,269	4.63
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,736	4.93
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	18,379	11.71
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 15 oz	8,760	5.58
		42,144	26.85

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%* *
Sep 27	**198,797**	**96**	**165,786**	**97**	211,598	98	173,214	97	**164,981**	**99**
Oct 04	**188,985**	**89**	**162,501**	**97**	209,964	96	173,177	96	**164,393**	**100**
Oct 11	**194,846**	**93**	**160,339**	**93**	207,124	96	170,856	96	**163,786**	**100**
Oct 18	**191,411**	**94**	**163,191**	**96**	207,032	95	170,163	96	**161,915**	**99**
Oct 25	**190,352**	**94**	**154,497**	**88**	206,999	96	169,874	97	**163,319**	**101**
Nov 01	**185,344**	**90**	**158,445**	**93**	206,726	96	170,616	97	**162,059**	**99**
Nov 08	**193,001**	**89**	**155,283**	**93**	204,908	95	168,066	96	**163,184**	**101**
Nov 15	**200,631**	**93**	**156,435**	**96**	202,299	97	165,726	97	**159,887**	**98**
Nov 22	**202,339**	**92**	**152,417**	**91**	197,850	96	162,423	**96**	**156,960**	**98**

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.) **Week of 12/01/08**	**Majority**	**Current Week**	**Previous Week**	**Year Ago**
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	76-79	77.86	74.81	66.55
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	71-74	76.23	74.82	64.93
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	95	93.12	92.76	82.38
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		82.36	81.37	70.36
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 87.00)		85.66	85.85	76.43
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		47.63	47.81	45.11

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) **Weekly Weighted Average**	**Northeast (Delivered)** **11/28/08**	**Southern States (FOB)** **11/28/08**	**Georgia (FOB)** **12/01/08**
Breast – B/S	103.76	111.90	111.50
Tenderloins	111.21	117.46	151.50 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	65.91	TFEWR	70.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	26.54	27.67	31.00
Wings	111.92	105.20	113.00

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